Case 06-10725-gwz Doc 376 Entered 05/26/06 16:11:48 Page 1 of 4 **ELECTRONICALLY FILED** MAY 26, 2006 1 STUTMAN, TREISTER & GLATT, P.C. SHEA & CARLYON, LTD. JEFFREY H. DAVIDSON JAMES PATRICK SHEA (CA State Bar No. 73980) 2 (Nevada State Bar No. 000405) FRANK A. MEROLA CANDACE C. CARLYON 3 (CA State Bar No. 136934) (Nevada State Bar No. 002666) EVE H. KARASIK SHLOMO S. SHERMAN 4 (CA State Bar No. 155356), Members of (Nevada State Bar No. 009688) 1901 Avenue of the Stars, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor 233 South Fourth Street, Second Floor 5 Los Angeles, California 90067 Las Vegas, Nevada 89101 Telephone: (310) 228-5600 Telephone: (702) 471-7432 6 Facsimile: (310) 228-5788 Facsimile: (702) 471-7435 idavidson@stutman.com jshea@sheacarlyon.com Email: Email: 7 fmerola@stutman.com ccarlyon@sheacarlyon.com ekarasik@stutman.com ssherman@sheacarlyon.com 8 [Proposed] Counsel for the Official Committee Of 9 Equity Security Holders Of USA Capital First Trust Deed Fund, LLC 10 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT 11 DISTRICT OF NEVADA 12 13 BK-S-06-10725-LBR In re: USA COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE COMPANY, Chapter 11 14 Debtor. In re: BK-S-06-10726-LBR 15 USA CAPITAL REALTY ADVISORS, LLC, Chapter 11 Debtor. 16 In re: BK-S-06-10727-LBR 17 USA CAPITAL DIVERSIFIED TRUST DEED FUND, LLC, Chapter 11 Debtor. 18 BK-S-06-10728-LBR In re: USA CAPITAL FIRST TRUST DEED FUND, LLC, Chapter 11 19 Debtor. 20 BK-S-06-10729-LBR In re: USA SECURITIES, LLC, Chapter 11 21 Debtor. Affects 22 Date: June 5, 2006 23 | All Debtors Time: 9:30 a.m. USA Commercial Mortgage Co. Place: Courtroom #2 24 USA Securities, LLC USA Capital Realty Advisors, LLC 25 USA Capital Diversified Trust Deed USA First Trust Deed Fund, LLC 26 27 STATEMENT REGARDING THE DEBTORS' MOTION TO TEMPORARILY HOLD FUNDS PENDING A DETERMINATION OF THE PROPER RECIPIENTS AND 28 OMNIBUS OBJECTION TO THE RELEASE FUNDS MOTIONS (AFFECTS ALL DEBTORS)

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## TO THE HONORABLE LINDA B. RIEGLE, UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE:

The Official Committee of Equity Security Holders of USA Capital First Trust

Deed Fund, LLC (the "First Trust Deed Committee") appointed in the above-captioned

bankruptcy cases (the "Chapter 11 Cases"), hereby files this Statement: (A) in response to the

"Debtors' Motion to Temporarily Hold Funds Pending a Determination of the Proper Recipients"

(the "Hold Funds Motion") and (B) in opposition to the (i) "Motion for Order Authorizing the

Return of Non-Invested Funds of Grable B. Ronning, The Wild Water Limited Partnership,

Crosbie B. Ronning and The Bosworth 1988 Family Trust" (the "Ronning Motion"), "Motion for

Order Authorizing Return of Non-Invested Funds of Stanley Alexander Trust, Drs. Stanley

Alexander and Florence Alexander" (the "Alexander Motion"), "Motion for Order Authorizing

Return of Non-Invested Funds of Jasper Benincasa Jr. and Flocerfida Benincasa" ("Benincasa

Motion"), "Direct Lenders' Motion for Relief from the Automatic Stay" ("RFS Motion"), and

"Direct Lenders' Motion: 1. To Compel Debtor to Continue to Forward Lender Payments to

Direct Lenders; and 2. To Delay or Prohibit Appraisals on Performing Loans" (the "Payment

Motion" and, collectively with, the Ronning Motion, Alexander Motion, Benincasa Motion, and

RFS Motion, the "Release Funds Motions") and respectfully states as follows:

As this Court is aware, prior to the Petition Date, the Debtors made regular interest payments to all investors regardless of whether the underlying loans were performing or non-performing. Under new management, the Debtors are performing an extensive analysis of these loans and the payments received by thousands of investors in connection therewith. Pursuant to the Hold Funds Motion, the Debtors seek a Court order that grants them a limited period of time, in which they will not distribute funds to any investors, to complete this analysis. In support of their request, the Debtors seek a factual determination from the Court to characterize the ownership of the funds and the rights of investors, among other parties in interest, in such funds.

However, as the Debtors, themselves, recognize, the Court cannot determine the

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Terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the same meanings ascribed to them in the Holds Fund Motion.

nature or ownership of the funds until a proper and thorough accounting has been completed. The Debtors' legal arguments in the Hold Funds Motion is nothing more than provocative speculation. Without any basic evidentiary support, it is too early in these cases for this Court to make any factual determination, and it is irresponsible to make lists of legal theories that may or may not be applicable.

On the other hand, the Release Funds Motions, seek, in one way or another, the return and payment of certain funds to the respective investors who filed the Release Funds Motions. It is simply too early for the Debtors to disburse any funds in these cases. The First Trust Deed Fund Committee supports the Debtors' request that before they resume distributing any funds they collect in the DIP Collection Account, they should be given a limited amount of time to finish their investigation and reconciliation of the Debtors' books and records, without prejudice to the rights of any party to assert their interests in the funds collected. It is important that distributions are made to investors only after the Debtors have calculated the balance sheet for each investor as some investors were undoubtedly overpaid prior to the Petition Date. It is not efficient for the Debtors nor is it fair to the investors to have the Debtors resume payments to investors only to have these funds recovered at a later date. Moreover, until this accounting is completed, it is premature for this Court to make any findings regarding the nature or ownership of the funds collected.

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| 1  | WHEREFORE, the First Trust Deed Fund Committee requests that the Court,                             |
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| 2  | without making any factual determinations on the record, grant the Holds Fund Motion, in part,      |
| 3  | and provide the Debtors with a limited period of time, in which they are not required to distribute |
| 4  | any funds collected in the DIP Collection Account, to complete their investigation and              |
| 5  | reconciliation of the Debtors' books and records, without prejudice to the rights of any party in   |
| 6  | interest to assert an ownership interest in such funds and deny the Release Fund Motions,           |
| 7  | without prejudice, until such accounting is complete.   |
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| 9  | Respectfully submitted this 26th day of May, 2006.  |
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